

THE SPECTATOR

COUNCIL KEEPS AN ARGUS EYE ON THE TOWN'S TILL

There may be an honest difference of opinion as to whether or not Council is getting the best for itself or for the town because of what might be called its restricted viewpoint, but there can be no question that our solons aim to administer the public funds in a highly painstaking manner.

This does not mean that anyone is making faces at George, as it is agreed that he is only doing what he should do when he sends the bill, even if the sum involved is less than \$20, but it is the Borough's money and the Director is not taking it on himself to give any of it away without formal authority to do so.

The same sharp solicitude for the official exchequer is observed all along the line and that is the essence of good stewardship. In addition, it is evidence there are not many pennies in the till to be free with, as otherwise the rather pathetic kicking around of the Library's needs would not be getting the kind of pride-reducing publicity which makes many deplore our official poverty.

All this is a prelude to the subject of compensation for our local legal department, one of the items which was said to be under fire by at least some of those who were recently protesting the tax rate. This reporter does not know whether the Borough Solicitor's stipends are three, four or five thousand dollars annually, but, whatever they are, they are bound to be equitable and in no respect excessive.

One reason for this conviction is that the Borough is never in a position to be over-generous in paying for its services, even in the case of the Solicitor, who is called upon for many extra-curricular tasks that provide a substantial voluntary contribution to the general cause of community welfare.

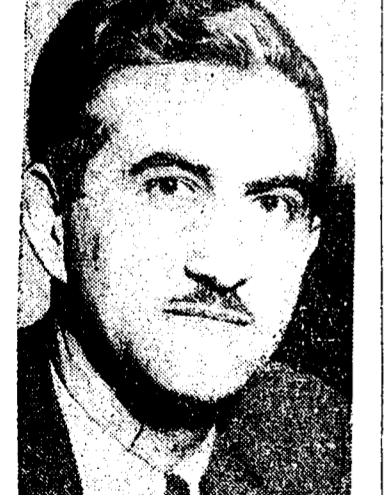
When this reporter seeks an authentic explanation of any Borough situation, he writes to the Solicitor and he invariably gets a prompt reply of explicit information that perhaps required a great deal of research. Others are no doubt knocking on his door regularly, which denotes that he is not only called upon to serve the Borough as a corporation, but he is also at the beck and call of the individual citizens, no small assignment in a community of this kind where a favorite indoor sport is to ask questions and not always in the most cordial spirit.

One episode is recalled out of the series of the years which reveals the patience and the skill required to keep town temper on an even keel. A lady on the South Side had

Dr. Marshall To Address Post On Atom Bomb

Dr. Roy K. Marshall, of 26 Elmwood Ave., Narberth, director of Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia, and associate director of the Franklin Institute Museum, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion April 23.

Dr. Marshall, who also serves as science editor of the Evening Bulletin, will speak on "The Atom



DR. ROY K. MARSHALL

Bomb and Atomic Energy." A resident of Narberth since 1939, he received an AB degree at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1929 and AM and PhD degrees from the University of Michigan in 1930 and 1932.

Guy D. Mosteller, commander of the Post, will officiate at the meeting, which is scheduled to start at 8.30 P. M.

Approximately \$300 was received by the Post from proceeds realized from an auction sale held last Friday evening in the Legion rooms of the Community Building. Almost 100 people attended the affair, which was under the direction of William Cliphsham and his committee, which included Harold Nordblom, Edward Ensinger, Claude Waters, Warren O'Sullivan and William Hansell.

The auction itself was handled by Adam Brothers, of Berwyn. Proceeds went to the welfare fund of the Post. John H. Jefferies, of Penn Valley, was awarded the grand prize of the evening. Refreshments were served by members of the auxiliary of the Post.

College Whirl

Dear Dottie: It gets a little discouraging to receive letters day after day telling me about kids our age from home who are becoming class presidents and making Phi Beta Kappa and things like that. I think I must have been the only untalented youth in the township!

The Alpha Tau Omega chapter at Johns Hopkins University held its election of officers recently, and they made the wholly admirable choice for president of J. Richard Boylan, of Bala-Cynwyd. Dick is a pre-med student at Johns Hopkins.

And when the girls go back to Sweet Briar next fall, president of the senior class will be Alberta Pew. Bertie will have to figure out a way to direct her class affairs at the same time as she is a member of the editorial staff of the Sweet Briar News, a member of the college choir, and one of the stalwarts on the hockey team. But she managed to do a dozen things at once quite successfully when she was in school, at Garrison Forest School, at Catonsville, Maryland, and I expect she'll do as well at Sweet Briar.

Mary Worley, from over in Merion, has really come up with a sensational record at Vassar. She has been elected to membership in the Vassar Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, one of the five members of the class which is graduating this May to make Phi Beta on the basis of their standing in the first three years. Mary, who is a Friends Central

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Main Line Girl in Bogota Describes Colorful International Conference City; Reported Safe

(Editor's note: Joyce P. Lownes, daughter of former Magistrate Walter B. Lownes and Mrs. Lownes, of 154 Edgemont Ave., Ardmore, has been working in Bogota, Columbia, South America, for the past two months. As special correspondent for this newspaper, she attended many sessions of the Ninth International Conference of American States prior to its interruption by the outbreak of riots in Bogota. Her parents received word Sunday night that she is safe, and we expect to receive her account of the recent uprising in time for publication next week. Meanwhile, here are Miss Lownes' early impressions of the city where the historic conference is being held.)

By JOYCE P. LOWNES Greetings from Bogota—seat of the Ninth International Conference of American States. Delegates flying into Techo airfield on the outskirts of Bogota were welcomed by flags representing each of the countries of the Conference,

Tentative Budget Cuts School Tax Four Mills; Proposes Pay Increase to 17 of 21 Teachers

Metered Parking Now Being Enforced

1- and 2-Hour Limits Set; Plan No Grace Period

131 Meters on Six Streets Expected to Pay for Selves in Fees, Fines

Metered parking in Narberth became effective Friday at 8 A. M.

Work of installing the 131 meters in six Borough streets was started the early part of this week and was completed late Thursday.

The meters were installed by employees of the Park-O-Meter Corporation from which the meters were purchased.

The meters were placed on Haverford, Windsor, Essex, Forrest and North Narberth Aves., and on Station Circle. Time limits were as follows:

Confusion reigned this week in Narberth, as local residents got their first taste of a modern gadget which has plagued shoppers in surrounding communities for several years.

The gadget, namely the Parking Meter, caused many Borough shoppers a bigger headache than the high price of food.

The uproar was caused by the fact that while the meters were installed starting Monday, they were not put in working order immediately after the installation. Consequently many persons put coins in the meters unnecessarily.

The classic comment overheard, and one which was evidently the consensus of most of those who put their money in the slot, was: "I want my money back!"

At one hour for all streets except the north and south side of Windsor Ave., from the east side of Essex Ave. to the west side of North Narberth Ave., where the limit has been set at two hours.

Installation of many of the meters, which are similar to those used in Lower Merion Township, was completed the early part of the week, but it was not until several days later that they were put in working order.

Burgess Richard L. Miller stated at a meeting of the Borough Council Monday night that no period of grace would be given for violators of the parking meter ordinance.

"Enforcement of the ordinance regulating parking by meters, which was passed last month, will start immediately," Miller stated, "and no warning tickets will be issued.

"Tickets will be given for overtime parking," he added, "as well as to those motorists who leave their automobiles in one place longer than the one- or two-hour limit, no matter how many times they insert coins in the meter."

Miller also said that fines for violations could be paid at the Borough office, or mailed to the

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RICHARD L. MILLER Burgess says, "no refunds, no period of grace."

Council Plans Street Changes Near Bridge

Work to Cost \$700; Will Eliminate Steep Grades

The Narberth Borough Council will make several changes in the sidewalk and street leading to the railroad bridge on Narberth Ave.

The work, according to William S. Thompson, chairman of the Highway Committee of the Council, will be done by Borough workmen, and will cost approximately \$700.

Thompson stated in a report made at the monthly meeting of Council Monday night that the changes should be made as soon as possible, since the bridge had recently been reconstructed almost entirely by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

One change, his report stated, would include easing the grade of the sidewalk on the north side of Narberth Ave. for a distance of 75 feet towards Haverford Ave. at a cost of \$192.

The other change, he reported, would be to ease the curve at Narberth and Elmwood Aves. to provide a gradual approach to the bridge from Elmwood Ave., and eliminate the present steep approach. The cost of this change has been set at \$554.

Money for the changes will be taken from the street improvement appropriation in the budget, a fund supplied by revenue received from the State from the gasoline tax.

Dr. Frew Will Speak to P-TA

"America's Stake in Western Europe" will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Allen MacLachlan Frew, at a meeting of the Narberth Parent Teachers Association Monday evening, April 19.

Dr. Frew, who is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, is a graduate of Davidson College, N. C., and Princeton Theological Seminary. He serves the Philadelphia Presbytery as chairman of both Foreign Missions and the Restoration Fund Committee.

In this connection he has traveled extensively in Europe and is well informed on the social, political and international problems of today.

Dr. Frew instigated and served on the committee for the recent clothing drive in Lower Merion Township.

Special music will be provided by the Lower Merion High School Brass Quartet.

New Treasurer Named Monday By Borough Council

Walter L. Biegemann To Fill Post Until January, 1950

Members of the Narberth Borough Council Monday night unanimously accepted the application of Walter L. Biegemann, of 105 Windsor Ave., as new Borough treasurer.

Biegemann, a resident of Narberth for 20 years, will fill the post made vacant by the death of Edwin P. Dold, and will serve until January 1, 1950.

He was recommended for the post over four other Borough residents by Henry P. Carr, chairman of the finance committee of the Council. The other men were William J. Henderson, Alexander C. Staples, Edward C. Griswold and Alexander J. Purring.

Carr's recommendation was made after a meeting April 9 of the Council as a committee of the whole when all applications received up to that time were considered.

At the meeting Monday night, Carr stated: "In considering the applicants, qualifications were, of course, paramount in importance. But because Borough experience all over the State of Pennsylvania indicates that long tenure of office is advisable on account of the intricacies of Borough accounting, we considered the likelihood of the applicants' ability to continue with the office for many years to come.

"Therefore, qualifications and possibility of long service indicated that because of mature experience and the probability of at least 15 years of projected usefulness, Walter Biegemann would be the recommended nominee of the finance committee."

Carr's recommendation was approved by the Council, and Biegemann was sworn into office by Richard L. Miller, Narberth Burgess.

Biegemann, 53, is now employed

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BEATTY ALEXANDER

Chorus Group Of YMCA Plans Musical April 23

"HMS Pinafore" To Be Given in Junior High School

Members of the Main Line YMCA chorus, under the direction of William Z. Shetter, will present the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "HMS Pinafore," Friday and Saturday evenings, April 23 and 24, in the auditorium of the Ardmore Junior High School.

Shetter will be assisted in the direction of the production by Paul E. Fink, of Haverford Township High School, as stage director, and the Rev. J. Paul Faust, of Ardmore, as dramatic coach.

Other organizations and churches participating in the affair will include members of the Main Line Symphony Orchestra, Fortnightly Club, Philadelphia Choral Society and the Gimbel Chorus.

Frederick R. Day, tenor soloist of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Fortnightly Club and the Philadelphia Choral Society, will take the part of the able seaman, Ralph Rackstraw.

Beatty Alexander, baritone of 218 Valley Rd., Merion, will be Captain Corcoran. Josephine, the captain's daughter, will be sung by Rose Meiklejohn, soprano. James Murray, tenor of Brookline, will be the part of the Rt. Honorable Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. Mrs. Cripps, known as Little Buttercup, will be sung by Eleanor Blake, soprano. Cousin Hebe will be portrayed by Margaret Evans, local soprano soloist. Donald Gilchrist, tenor, will be Dick Deadeys. Robert Johnson, of Havertown, will be Bill Hobstay, the boatswain; Herbert Stahl, the boatswain's mate; Jack Price, the midshipmate Tom Tucker; William Z. Shetter, Jr., will be sergeant of the Marines.

Sisters, cousins and aunts of the First Lord of the Admiralty will be sung and played by Jean Awkerman, Blanche Baer, Adalena Thorogood, Betty Anderson, Natalie Beyer, Myra Raup, Leanna Chase, Louise Tscheringer, Hildegarde Mumm, Virginia Johnson, Lillian Capadonna, Margaret Johnson and Gwen Wenyon. Those taking the parts of sailors and marines are Angelo G. Troiani, John Basler, Jerry Chapin, Robert Davis, Charles H. Gamble, Clarence Hibbs, Russel Ishpoding, Lloyd Jennings, Arthur J. Kelly, Frank B. Tjlow, A. G. Wagner, Richard P. Wentworth.

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Estimated \$149,500 Expenditures Listed; Exceeds 1947 by Only \$1378; Balance of \$14,000 Anticipated at End of Current Financial Year; Per Capita Tax Retained

Narberth school directors last Thursday night passed a tentative budget of \$149,500 for 1948, and at the same time cut the school tax rate from 23 to 19 mills. They plan to retain the \$5 per capita tax.

The 1948 budget is only \$1378 more than the budget for last year despite increased appropriations in 24 categories.

40 New Members Added to Church Roster Sunday

600 Attend Services Held at Narberth Presbyterian Church

Forty residents of Narberth, Wynnewood, Cynwyd and Merion became members of the congregation of the Narberth Presbyterian Church at services held last Sunday.

Almost 600 persons attended combined services held at 8.30 A.M. and 11 A.M., when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. Rev. Robert J. Lamont, pastor of the church, used as his sermon topic "You Must Repent." The new members include:

Mrs. Norman E. Douglass and Norman E. Douglass, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Eyster, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin A. Fay, Otto E. Finkbeiner and Miss Eileen R. Finkbeiner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaufman, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hoge Vick, Mrs. Dorothy Arnold and Charles S. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Joel S. Perkins, Mrs. Margaret W. Offenhausser, Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Reichard, Miss Margaret E. Steckbeck, Hugh Annett, Norma Jane Arnold, Jean W. Bodman and Carolyn Douglass, all of Narberth.

Also Harry C. and Nancy J. Grau, Jenny Lowe Gordy, Willard P. Graham, John L. Heller, Joan V. Hunter, Faith M. Lillis, Helen Marie Martin, Richard McAuliffe, Joanne R. McClintock, William W. McKay, Edward Grant Merkel, Margaret Jean Offenhausser, Joel Stacy Perkins, Jr., Sonya Thorson, Sarah Jane Williams and Abigail G. Wright, all of Narberth.

Also Mrs. James B. Davis, of Wynnewood; Ann E. Bottoms, of Cynwyd; Elizabeth Ann Gillfillan, of Merion; Ronald Murphy, of Merion, and Roger S. Young, of Cynwyd.

Musical Program Listed by Church

The Glee Club and Octet of the Episcopal Academy will sing during a special musical service at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 18, at 7.30 P. M.

The Glee Club includes sixty-five voices, under the direction of Walter Johnson, director of music for the Academy. Curtis York is assistant director and accompanist.

The Youth Association of the Church will entertain in honor of the visitors, in the Church House, following the service.

Among the numbers listed by the choristers are Palestrina's "Adornatus Te"; Buxtehude's "Zion Rejoice"; Purcell's "Passing By"; Wagner's "Pilgrim's Chorus"; Franck's "O Lord Most Holy" and Franz's "Dedication."

Among the spirituals listed by the Octet will be "The Battle of Jericho" and "My Lord, What a Morning." These will be followed by "Love Me or Not," by Sechli; "Blind Ploughman," by Clark; "Old Mother Hubbard," arranged by Hutchinson in the manner of Handel; "I Dream of Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair," by Foster; "Shadow March," by Protheroe and another spiritual, "Lord I Want to Be."

The annual Spring Fete for the women of the Church and the community will be held in the Overbrook Presbyterian Church House on Monday, April 19, at 2.30 P. M.

A group of choir boys from the Choir School of Old St. Peter's Church will sing, directed by Harold W. Gilbert, choir master and organist. A colored film titled "Beautiful Pennsylvania" will be shown, and tea will follow.

Ardmore Truck Driver, Passenger Fined \$55

An Ardmore truck operator and his passenger were fined \$55 and costs on three charges at a hearing before Justice of the Peace John A. Turley in Bridgeport Borough Hall Sunday afternoon.

Bridgeport police testified that John Cellini, of 807 Lorraine Ave., Ardmore, drove his truck onto the pavement at Second and DeKalb Sts., Bridgeport, knocking down a street sign on the way. Cellini and his passenger, William Freed, of Philadelphia, were arrested immediately and committed to the county jail pending the hearing.

Charges and costs against the two included \$25 for operating the vehicle on the pavement; \$10 for knocking down the street sign; and \$10 each for disorderly conduct.

A school board spokesman stated that the comparatively small increase and the tax rate cut were made possible by the fact that the

Narberth School directors in their tentative 1948 budget boosted their appropriation for the public library from \$400 to \$1,000. Borough Council had asked the school board to increase the appropriation to \$1,900.

school district will have a balance of \$14,000 on hand at the close of the current fiscal year, June 30.

The district has received several thousand dollars more in state appropriations than was anticipated and actual expenditures in some cases have been less than the estimates listed in the 1947 budget.

The largest appropriation made in this year's budget is for school district salaries, which have been estimated at \$75,360. This is an increase of \$4460 over last year's appropriation.

Broken down the figures show \$62,000 for teachers; \$5,000 for superintendent of schools; \$4,700 for janitors; \$2,500 for clerks in the superintendent's office; \$600 for secretary, and \$560 for the treasurer's salary and bond.

Included in the salary appropriation are \$250 increases for 17 of the borough's 21 teachers. Two, who are already at the maximum set by the state salary schedule, will receive no increments; and the other two will receive between \$100 and \$150 which will bring them to the state maximum.

Other major items on next year's budget include \$44,000 for tuition to the Lower Merion School District for Narberth students attending Lower Merion high school; \$3,250 for the tax collector's commission and expenses; \$2,500 for the State Retirement Board; \$2,100 for expenses of auxiliary agencies such as Schoolman's Week, film library, journeys, assemblies, police pension fund and the medical corps, and \$4,025 for supplies.

Also \$2,000 for building repairs including the painting of the exteriors of both buildings; \$1,800 for payment into the sinking fund; \$1,600 for fuel; \$1,400 for light and power; \$1,500 for school activities; \$1,100 for fire insurance; \$1,120 for interest on bonds; \$1,000 for an emergency lighting system for the schools.

The largest reduction in any of the appropriations is the amount allotted to repairs and replacements in heating, plumbing and lighting equipment, which has been lowered from \$6,000 to \$1,000. The \$5,000 cut, according to the spokesman, is due to the fact that although an emergency lighting system will be installed next year, the cost will be way offset by the elimination of last year's expenditure for two new furnaces.

Other reductions in appropriations include the repairing of buildings which has been set at \$2,000 for 1948, as against \$3,700 for 1947. The higher appropriation last year was to cover renovation of the school's gymnasium floor.

Combined Vocal Groups to Give Concert Saturday

The first concert ever scheduled by the combined music groups of the Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania will be held Saturday evening, April 24, in Goodhart Hall, at 8 P. M.

At that time the College Chorus and the University's Men's Glee Club will give a series of old and unusual vocal selections. Of particular note will be the closing number, which will utilize 130 voices in a portion of a Seventeenth Century Spanish Mass. This unusual example of early church liturgy was sent to this country for safe-keeping by the Montserrat Monastery during the Spanish Civil War.

The Bryn Mawr Chorus, directed by Robert L. Goodale, has listed Jacob Handl's "Repleti Sunt," arranged for double chorus; "The Crucifixion," by Palestrini; "Old Abram Brown," by Benjamin Britten.

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TO SERVE ON JURY

Marjorie P. Gator, of Narberth, is one of 24 men and women who will be sworn in May 24 for the Montgomery County June Grand Jury.

OUR TOWN IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:

- Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth. Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth. Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth. Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Jessie W. Cowie, of Narberth, a student in the college of Arts and Sciences of the University of Maine, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester.



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